

## Friends of Woods Meeting Agenda

Original Date: February 16, 2023, 5:00pm Woods School Library

Official Meeting Date: March 9, 2023 ~ 4:00 PM ~ Woods Staff Lounge

Attendance: Colleen Trybula, Anne Doebler, Angie Kidwell, Lily Regalia, Jenna Kase, Frybrienne Ziervogal, Sarah Augustson, Kym Hammernik, Kristin Holzbauer

Call to Order & Introduction: Colleen Trybula Called to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of Minutes from last meeting in January

Colleen motioned to approve the January minutes, Anne 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved

Reports:

\* President: Colleen Trybula - Thank you's and Banners

-Thank you Becki, Frey and Angie for all of your work on the Superbowl Fundraiser

-Thank you Frey for designing the banners. They look great!

\* Vice President: Becki Kuchenberg (not present)

- Super Bowl Final Update

Superbowl fundraiser raised: \$1844.53 (after payouts and fees)

\* Treasurer: Anne Doebler -

Report: Current Overall Balance: \$41,225.75

-Anne went through the budget and discussed where FOW stands financially in regards to this year's fundraising efforts

\$1349.11 behind in our anticipated fundraising

\$715.57 less paid out than expected

\$633.54 as a deficit

\*\*Ski payout is still unknown and will be a large FOW expense. How FOW will budget this item for next year might need to look differently depending on how expenses are itemized this year.

\* Secretary: Jenna Kase - Book Bingo recap

-Book Bingo went well on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a large turnout, children enjoyed bingo and taking home books, and the event only cost FOW \$22.50.

\* Committee Chairs: Sarah Augustson and Kristin Holzbauer - Spirit Wear Update

-Sarah ~ Gage Marine is 150 years old this year they are giving out 15 \$10,000 grants. Applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded May 18<sup>th</sup>. Angie will work on writing a grant requesting funds for additional playground equipment / swings. Thank you, Angie!

## Old Business:

- \* All-school surprise treat during lunch periods

-The treat was provided and liked. The event did not make it into the newspaper.

- \* Dining to Donate at Culver's, Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

-No total has been given yet. It can take several weeks for this information. The event went well, more volunteers would have been appreciated. It was a challenge to find volunteers. Those who came did a great job, had fun, and their time is very much appreciated.

- \* Initial Silent Auction Meetings

-2 meetings have been held so far. More information will be shared in New Business.

- \* Dodgeball Tournament is on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>~ Needs to be rescheduled

-Due to a work conflict, Sarah had to reschedule this event for September 2023 on a Saturday night to avoid Friday Football

- \* FOW name change starting in June 2023

-This name change will be Woods School Parent-Teacher Group to match what the IRS recognizes. This was discussed and voted on at the January FOW meeting.

## New Business (Requiring Motion/Vote):

- \* Fine Arts Night Combined with a STEAM connection, scheduled for April 13th -

New Name: Evening of the Arts 6:00-8:00PM

-Kym and Lily joined the meeting to help plan this event.

-Frey explained what they did in the past

-This year it will be a STEAM/Art combination, mostly lower grades will have art displayed, upper grades will be making 15/16 arcade games, and also integrate a social studies component / children will be writing to companies looking for sponsors to fund their arcade games, this money will be used to buy prizes for every child who attends the event

-More stations will added, potentially doing caricatures, play music, etc. Alumni will be encouraged to come back to help.

-FACS will be coordinating appetizers

-Music might be involved / karaoke/ Open Mic / It has been requested to not host music in the multipurpose room

- \* Silent Auction, "Spring Training" is set for Friday, April 28th. Need lots of help to make this a successful event. \*\*Are we doing a 50/50 Raffle?

-Areas that need the most help: Get donations right now and help during the night. / Donations are due April 14<sup>th</sup>

-Kristin is the lead for decorations. She has an entire team ready, and all decorations are chosen and ready to be purchased.

-Sarah will help with MC and the auction.

-Frey is in charge of marketing the auction.

-The entry cost will be \$7.00 (\$10 at the door) per family admission, includes one bid number.

-Food: \$7.00 (\$10 at the door) per person for a meal.

-Each is increased by \$1.00 for online purchases.

-Donations Needed must be our next flyer.

\*Set-up Dining to Donate for April: Who will lead? Or wait until May for next DD?

\*This event will be skipped. April will be dedicated to the auction.

\*Vote on a new April date for FOW meeting

\*Sarah Proposed to have the FOW Meeting on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 with the Auction meeting at 4:00. Colleen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried

\*Discussion on tax-exempt purchases

-Anne Motioned: We allow teachers to spend their full teacher amount, and FOW will cover any tax incurred. Frey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried

\*Discussion on FOW involvement

-Colleen shared a flyer that FOW had sent home earlier in the year.

-Frey discussed the challenges of outreach and parent involvement. Frey proposed a video to encourage parent involvement that will be made in collaboration with Mr. Gowan. She would like this video up and ready to use in a month. Kristin proposed to have a video running at the start of concerts and all public viewings to capture an audience. Frey shared her ideas and suggestions.

-Colleen proposed to have an ice cream social before Open House Night begins to teach / talk about what FOW is. A gathering for parents to encourage involvement and sign-ups for next year.

-Sarah agrees with Frey that FOW needs to clarify our call to action. Spreading out our calls to action could be better than trying to have too many signups at one time.

-Anne would like to inventory what activities families would like to keep and help with. What is important to younger families? It is important for FOW to ask families what their needs / wants are.

-Kristin is concerned that the FOW group will dissolve unless more families get involved. She is feeling defeated when younger families are not volunteering.

-Discussion was had with ideas, thoughts, and feelings in regards to involvement.

**\*Spring Elections**

\*Woods seat for school board will be voted on in the April election. The discussion of hosting a candidate forum was had. Questions were discussed. No more than 5 questions will be asked. Colleen will continue to pursue this.

Adjournment ~ Colleen adjourned the meeting at: 6:05 PM